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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT JUNE 12 ON POLITICAL
DEVELOPMENT

1. [REDACTED]

2. PRESIDENT CHOI WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON TELEVISION AT 10:00 A.M. JUNE 12 SEOUL TIME TO CLARIFY SOME ASPECTS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLITICAL PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO FONMIN TONG JIN PARK (M-R: PAK TONG-CHIN) WHO WAS ASSIGNED THE ROLE OF GIVING ME ADVANCE NOTICE, THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WILL CONSIST OF THREE PARTS. THE FIRST WILL BE AN ACCOUNTING OF RECENT EVENTS AS SEEN FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE. THE SECOND WILL BE THE TIMETABLE FOR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT. HE WILL STATE THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROCESS SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND PUT TO THE PEOPLE IN A REFERENDUM BY LATE SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER AND THAT A NEW GOVERNMENT ELECTED UNDER THE NEW CONSTITUTION SHOULD TAKE OVER POWER BY JUNE 1981 AT THE LATEST. THIRD, THE PRESIDENT WILL OUTLINE SEVERAL TARGET AREAS FOR "PURIFICATION" ACTIVITIES.

3. I ASKED WHETHER THE FIRST SECTION WILL INCLUDE AN APOLOGY FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE SPECIAL FORCES IN KWANGJU,

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STRESSING THAT THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WOULD SEEM A VERY GOOD OCCASION. PARK BELIEVES THERE WILL BE A STATEMENT OF "REGRET". I SAID I HAD SPOKEN TO THE BLUE HOUSE AND GENERAL CHUN ABOUT THE NEED FOR A CONCILIATORY TONE AND URGED THAT THE FONMIN DO SOME LAST-MINUTE LOBBYING TOWARD THIS END. I ASKED WHETHER THERE WILL BE ANY REFERENCE TO LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW OR RESUMPTION OF ACTIVITY BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. PARK WAS NOT CLEAR IN HIS ANSWER. I ARGUED THAT EVEN IF THERE WERE NO REFERENCE

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AT THIS TIME TO THE LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW, IT WOULD BE MOST IMPORTANT TO LIFT MARTIAL LAW BEFORE THE REFERENDUM AND ELECTIONS. IF A REFERENDUM WERE CONDUCTED UNDER MARTIAL LAW, I FEARED IT COULD BECOME A SERIOUS MATTER BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ROK. THE FONMIN WAS UNABLE TO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS ABOUT "PURIFICATION".

5. PARK PROBED POLITELY ABOUT WHAT PUBLIC COMMENT WE MIGHT MAKE ON PRESIDENT'S REMARKS. I SAID IT WILL DEPEND ON WHAT PRESIDENT ACTUALLY SAYS.

6. COMMENT: WE WILL SEND IN SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR PUBLIC REACTION AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. GLEYSTEN


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